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REVIEW OF AREA RESERVED FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EXPLOITATION
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mineral Advisory Council has directed the State Governments to review the area reserved for public sector exploitation and de-notify the surplus area for possible exploitation by the private sector;

(b) if so, whether the area in excess of 50 hectares under mining lease with the public sector undertakings of State Governments would be reviewed by the State Governments, on an urgent basis; and

(c) if so, the other decisions in details were taken by the Mineral Advisory Council?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T.SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) The Mineral Advisory Council recommended that in order to curb the tendency to hold on to large areas unproductively by keeping these areas idle for future use, or using areas held under mining lease for purpose other than mining, the Indian Bureau of Mines and the State Government would jointly review the status of such mining areas and if areas are found to be held idly/put to non-mining use, such excess mining lease areas should be got surrendered expeditiously.